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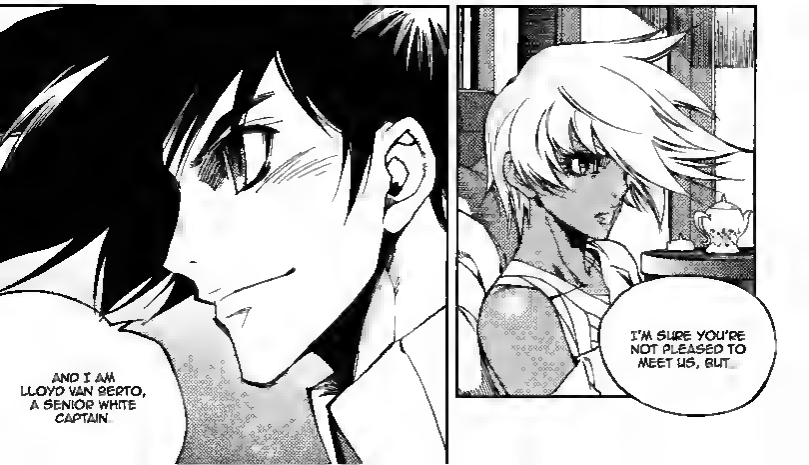
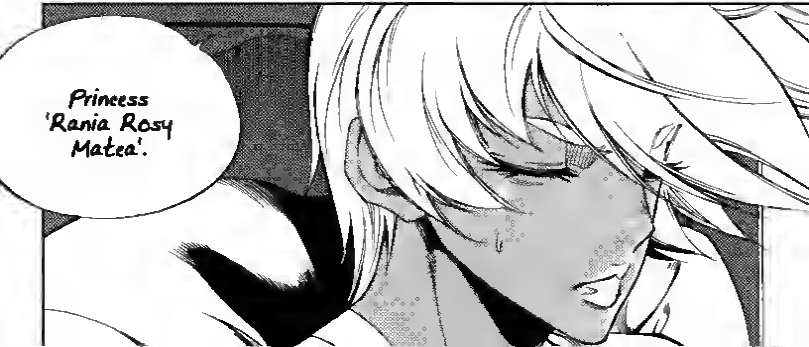
30 TEAM Emika

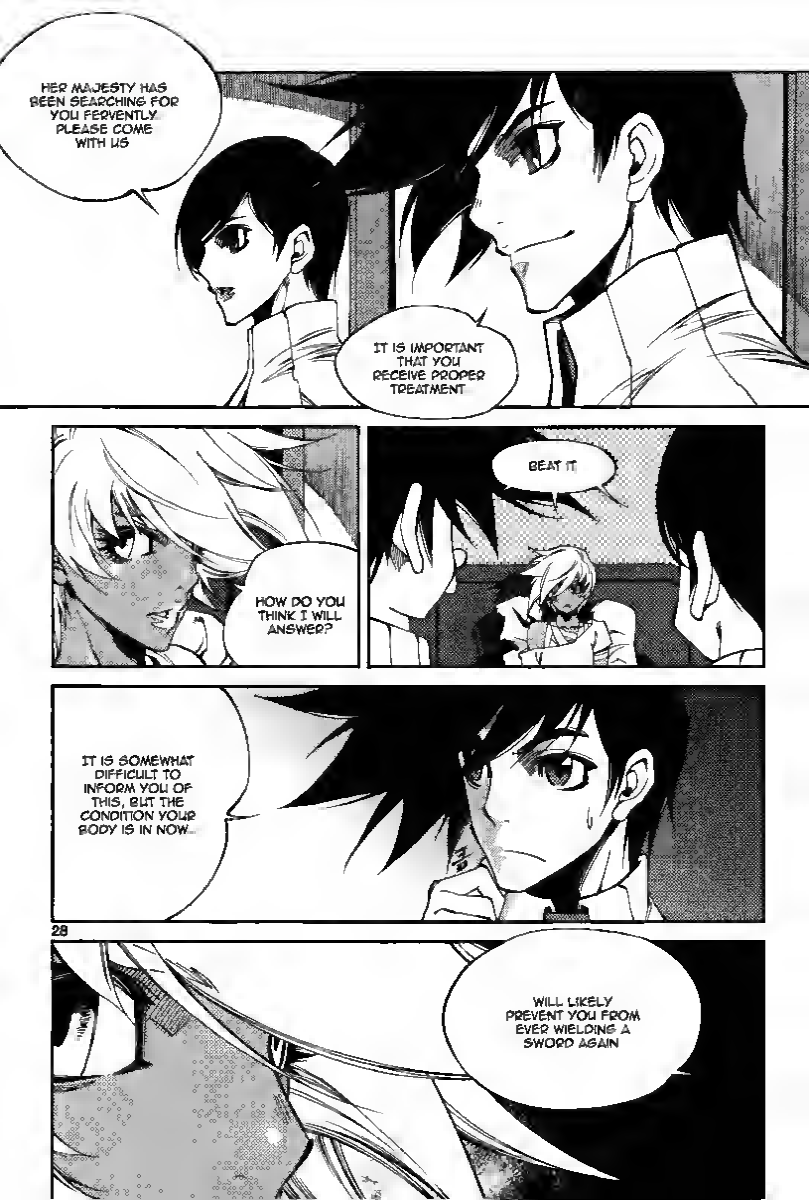
YOU HAVE BEEN HERE FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK
THAT MAN DEFINITELY STOPPED HIS SWORD AT THE LAST INSTANT.
I AM ONE HUNDRED PERCENT SURE OF THIS.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MILADY'S LIFE AND DEATH WAS THIS SMALL.
WHO ARE YOU?

I APOLOGIZE FOR BRINGING YOU TO SUCH SHABBY QUARTERS. BUT WE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE
IT'S STILL DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO MOVE AROUND. SO PLEASE STAY IN BED AND GET SOME REST
MY NAME IS NICKY WHITE. I AM AN AIDE TO THE CORPS COMMANDER FROM HEADQUARTERS


AND I AM LLOYD VAN BERTO, A SENIOR WHITE CAPTAIN
I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT PLEASED TO MEET US, BUT

IT IS AN HONOR TO FORMALLY GREET YOU,

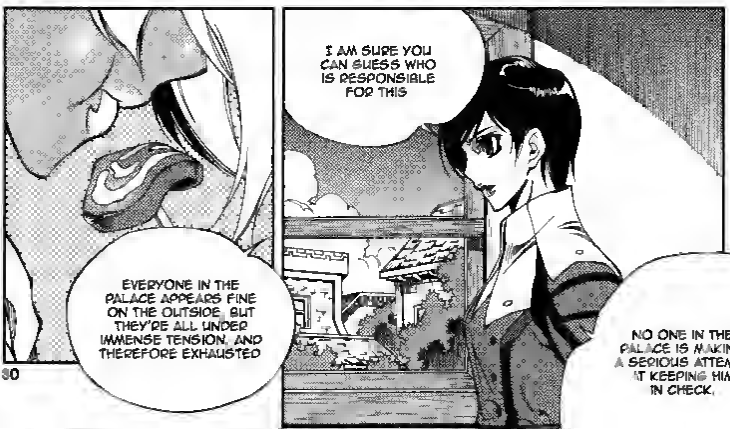

Princess 'Rania Rosy Matea'.


HER MAJESTY HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FERVENTLY. PLEASE COME WITH US
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU RECEIVE PROPER TREATMENT
BEAT IT
HOW DO YOU THINK I WILL ANSWER?
IT IS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO INFORM YOU OF THIS, BUT THE CONDITION YOUR BODY IS IN NOW...
WILL LIKELY PREVENT YOU FROM EVER WIELDING A SWORD AGAIN

IT IS LIKELY THAT STEVE VAI OPTED TO DO THIS INSTEAD OF TAKING YOUR LIFE
HOWEVER, THE PALACE'S TOP MEDICAL TEAM AND HEALERS MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER A BETTER PROGNOSIS
WHERE ARE WE?
PARMA, A CITY ADJACENT TO THE PROVINCE OF MASUK
29
WE MAY LOSE OUR CHANCE FOR GOOD IF WE CONTINUE TO DELAY OUR SCHEDULE LIKE THIS
FOOD.
BRING HER SOME FOOD. SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'LL DROP DEAD ANY SECOND NOW
OKAY...

YOU CAN EAT IF YOU WANT
WE'RE FINE, THANK YOU

HER MAJESTY IS VERY TIRED OF LATE


I AM SURE YOU CAN GUESS WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS
EVERYONE IN THE PALACE APPEARS FINE ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT THEY'RE ALL UNDER IMMENSE TENSION, AND THEREFORE EXHAUSTED
NO ONE IN THE PALACE IS MAKING A SERIOUS ATTEMPT AT KEEPING HIM IN CHECK.

THIS IS NOT JUST PEYNIA'S PROBLEM. AS YOU CAN EXPECT, THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMY HAS NO EFFECT. ALL ARE POWERLESS BEFORE HIS NAME
Francis Vincent Zappa.
THE NAME ITSELF IS A SYMBOL OF POWER.

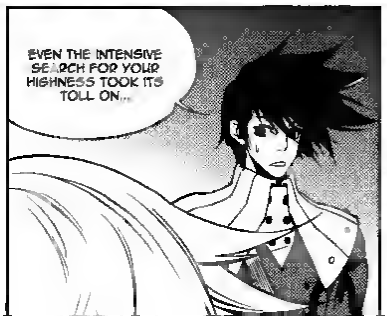
IT IS HER MAJESTY'S BIGGEST PROTECTOR SHE ACTS LIKE NOTHING IS WRONG, BUT SHE IS LIKELY VERY DRAINED
I SAY THIS NOT AS A VASSAL, BUT AS A COLLEAGUE AND A FRIEND THE ONLY ONE WE CAN ENTRUST OUR BACKS TO IS YOU, PRINCESS RANIA.
JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS

ALSO, THIS IS A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET, BUT...

HER MAJESTY IS A BIT UNWELL.

SOME TIME NOT TOO LONG AGO, SOMETHING WEIRD HAPPENED TO HER HEART, SO IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SHE BE AS CALM AS POSSIBLE.

The palace, that very instant.
WHY ARE THERE ONLY FOUR ICE CUBES IN MY LIME TEA, YOU BLOWHARD!

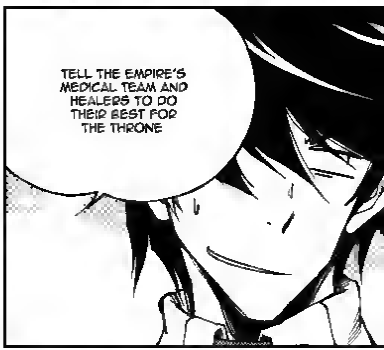

EVEN THE INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR YOUR HIGHNESS TOOK ITS TOLL ON...

AH...I'M SORRY I JUST...
AH OOOOH...

MY... MY STOMACH'S...
WE TOLD YOU NOT TO GORGE YOURSELF LIKE THAT!

IF I CAN'T WIELD A SWORD, THEN I'LL USE MY BARE HANDS... IF I CAN'T EVEN DO THAT, THEN I JUST HAVE TO THROW MY BODY AROUND.

GIVING UP IS SOMETHING I'LL THINK ABOUT WHEN I REACH THAT POINT


TELL THE EMPIRE'S MEDICAL TEAM AND HEALERS TO DO THEIR BEST FOR THE THRONE

I WON'T SAY IT AGAIN SO TELL THEM.

WHAT I NEED TO DO NOW, I WILL ACCOMPLISH WITHOUT FAIL
I'LL THINK ABOUT RETURNING TO THE PALACE AFTERWARDS
B-BUT, RECEIVING TREATMENT IS...
I SAID I'VE MADE UP MY MIND
I, too, will try to struggle on...

EMIKA.
STUDENT EMIKA~
YOU HAVE A VISITOR PLEASE GO TO THE GARDEN ENTRANCE

SHAENANDO!
37
I KNEW YOU WERE STILL ALIVE. THE RUMORS CIRCULATING AROUND LATELY ARE SO SCARY THAT I THOUGHT SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED
THE NUMBER OF THINGS I'M CURIOUS ABOUT ARE PILING UP, YOU KNOW
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, EMIKA.

'Emika'

Senior of the Upper Holy Class

FOR SOME REASON IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE AGING BACKWARDS
HEHE IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE I'VE GAINED SOME WEIGHT
I TAKE IT YOU'VE SUFFERED AN INJURY SINCE YOU CAME TO SEE ME.
SHOULD I AT LEAST TAKE A LOOK?
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OH MY...
YOU'RE ALIVE, RIGHT? ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT AN UNDEAD...
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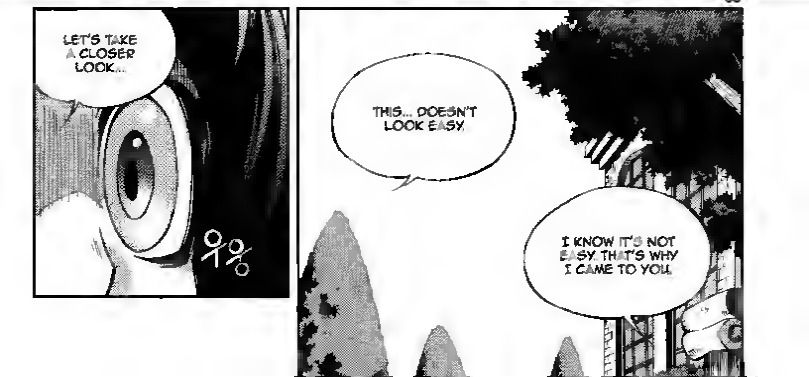
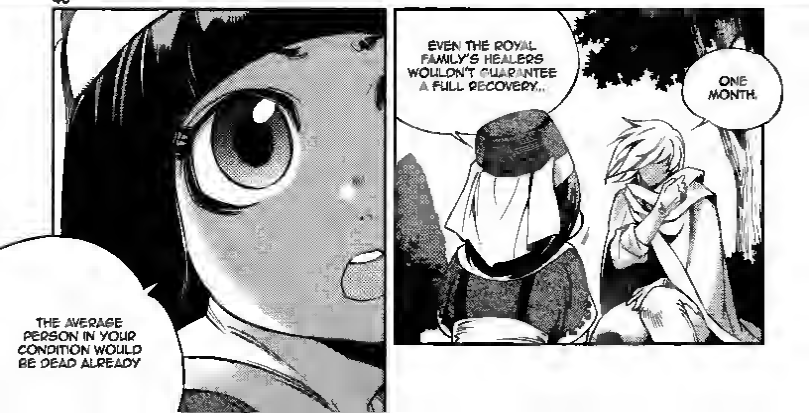

LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...
THIS... DOESN'T LOOK EASY.
I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY. THAT'S WHY I CAME TO YOU.

THE BALANCE OF THE ENERGY FLOW INSIDE YOU IS THE PROBLEM, NOT THE VISIBLE WOUND ON THE OUTSIDE.
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR ENERGY, THERE'S NO STRENGTH IN YOUR SWORD HAND, RIGHT? YOU CAN'T EVEN WIELD A SWORD, LET ALONE USE HIGH-LEVEL SKILLS
IN THIS STATE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO RUN REALLY FAST OR WALK FIFTY MILES WITHOUT REST LIKE YOU USED TO DO BEFORE


THE AVERAGE PERSON IN YOUR CONDITION WOULD BE DEAD ALREADY
EVEN THE ROYAL FAMILY'S HEALERS WOULDN'T GUARANTEE A FULL RECOVERY...
ONE MONTH.

EH~?
I SAID ONE MONTH ANY LONGER IS USELESS
ROMANCE.

THE WHEELS OF FORTUNE THAT YOU CAN'T DENY THE REASON YOU MUST GO BACK, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN SUCH TERRIBLE CONDITION
SO, IS IT REALLY BECAUSE OF 'THAT' PERSON~
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THE ONE YOU'RE DEALING WITH IS THE ONE FROM THE RUMORS, THE LUSH, DEVILISH 'MELROSE'
VERY WELL.
I WILL PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE AND RESTORE YOU, SHAENANDO.
ON ONE CONDITION
TAKE ME WITH YOU!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. YOU'RE GOING TO GRADUATE SOON, SO IF YOU DO SOMETHING STUPID...
!
EH—
SAY NO MORE!
YOU ARE CORRECT IF I GRADUATE FROM HERE, I CAN BECOME A SUPERIOR IN THE PALACE AND LIVE QUITE EXTRAVAGANTLY
HOWEVER, MY DREAMS AREN'T ALL TIED TO ONE SINGLE THING, IT'S QUITE FLEXIBLE.
WHETHER IT'S HEALING CRIMINALS OR USING CLASSMATES AS EXPERIMENTAL GUINEA PIGS, WITH ALL THE HARSH PUNISHMENTS I'VE RECEIVED, MY TRUE COLORS HAVE DEFINITELY SHOWN THEMSELVES
WASN'T THERE SOMETHING LIKE ONE MORE STRIKE BEFORE YOU GET EXPELLED...

YOU SAID ONE MONTH, RIGHT?
AT ANY RATE, I CAN'T DO IT IN TIME AND KEEP ATTENDING THIS PLACE.

I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE ONES WHO UTILIZE HOLY POWER TO HEAL OTHERS PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK BY DOING SO
THE SHAENANDO I KNOW WOULD RATHER DIE THAN BE INDEBTED TO OTHERS

TO ASK FOR SOMETHING SO DIFFICULT MUST MEAN YOU REALLY NEED IT

EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD, INCLUDING ME, IS UNSETTLED RIGHT NOW IT FEELS LIKE SOMETHING S GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER

I'M EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY A PART IN ALL THIS

I ABSOLUTELY WON'T BE A NUISANCE. I SWEAR THAT YOU'LL BE IN ANOTHER LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION AT LEAST ONE MORE TIME!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN THAT HAPPENS? ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO FIND A PUBLIC HEALER IN THE MIDST OF RUNNING AWAY?!
LOOK AT THIS THIGH. THIS IS NOT FAT. IT'S ALL MUSCLE. I WON'T FALL BEHIND!
HAH... JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES MY HEART GO
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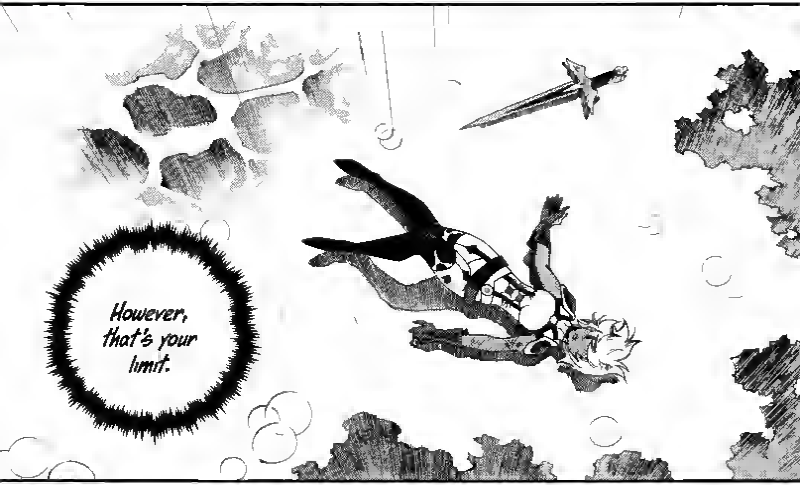
I definitely have three broken ribs, and my collarbone's probably fractured.
Ugh...

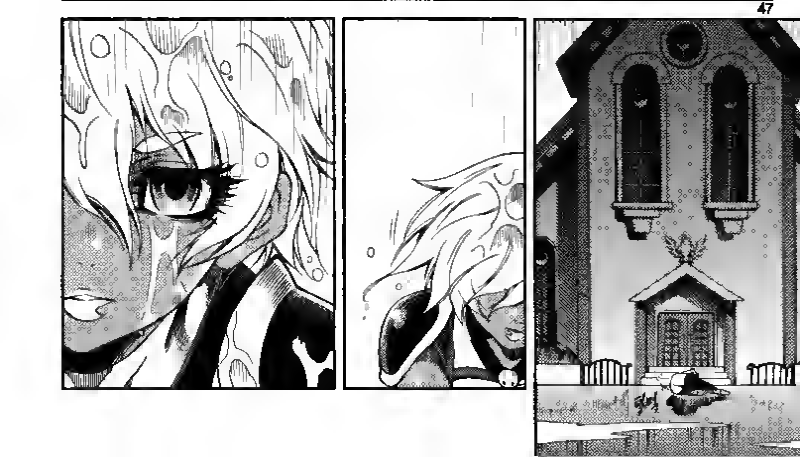
You look like you've got what it takes.
Furthermore, it looks like you've been training very methodically.


However, that's your limit.

You lack experience.

I've no desire to bring up a brat. Come find me in ten years.

If you annoy me again, you'll die...



OH- IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE COMING TO.

BE AT EASE. THIS IS PRESTON'S CLINIC
YOU HAVE MANY SEVERE WOUNDS
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU HAD THREE FRACTURED RIBS AND A CRACKED COLLARBONE
WHAT LIKELY HAPPENED IS THAT THE RESULTING SHOCK FROM SUSTAINING THE INJURIES CAUSED A CONCUSSION.
WHO BROUGHT
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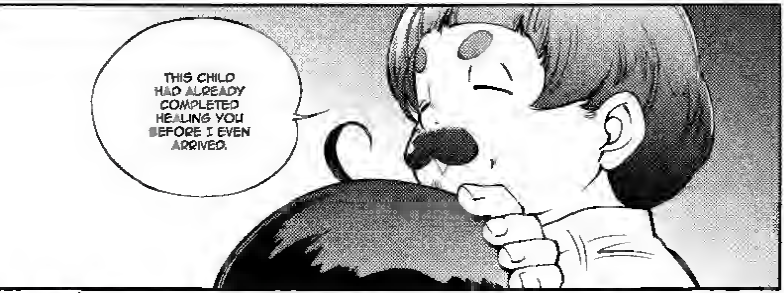
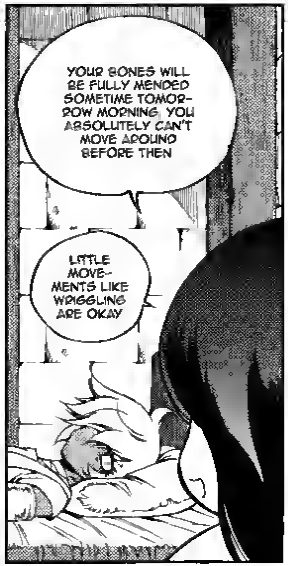
AH. A MAN WEARING SUNGLASSES FOUND YOU COLLAPSED IN FRONT OF OUR DOORS AND CARRIED YOU INSIDE
...
IT WON'T TAKE ALL THAT LONG FOR YOU TO FULLY HEAL. THIS IS A PRETTY HIGH-LEVEL CLINIC, YOU SEE~

THANK YOU
HAHA THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME


THIS CHILD HAD ALREADY COMPLETED HEALING YOU BEFORE I EVEN ARRIVED.

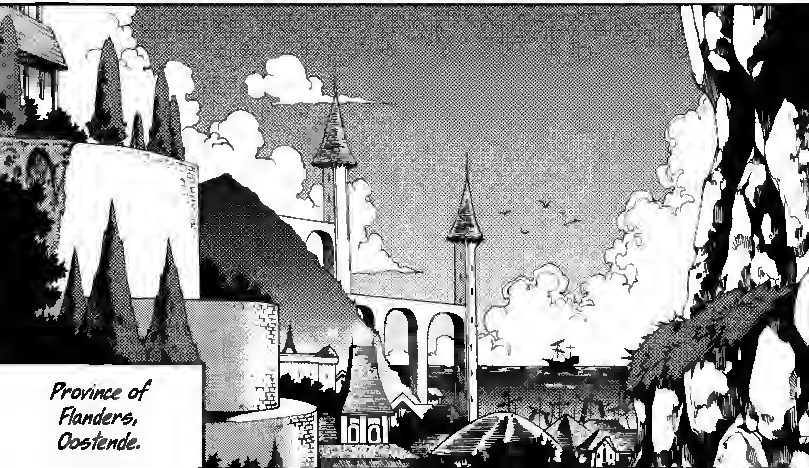
EMIKA MASHA ELEVEN YEARS OLD. SHE IS MY DAUGHTER. DESPITE HER APPEARANCE, TALKS OF HER BEING A PRODIGY ARE ALREADY CIRCULATING
UHU~


YOUR BONES WILL BE FULLY MENDED SOMETIME TOMORROW MORNING. YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T MOVE AROUND BEFORE THEN
LITTLE MOVEMENTS LIKE WIGGLING ARE OKAY

TOMORROW... MORNING?
Already at a palace healer's level?!
DOESN'T IT SURPRISE YOU? HER EXISTENCE IS ALREADY THE PRIDE OF PEYNI~
AH, PLEASE KEEP IT SECRET THAT YOU RECEIVED TREATMENT FROM SOMEONE WHO ISN'T LICENSED. IN RETURN, WE WON'T CHARGE YOU.
MEH.

YOUR FATHER,
MUST BE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU BECOMING AN OFFICIAL HEALER.

I STILL HAVE MY WHOLE LIFE AHEAD OF ME I CAN WORRY ABOUT SATISFYING MY INCREDIBLY HEALTHY FATHER AT A LATER TIME
HAVE YOU DECIDED?
SO PACK YOUR BAGS
WOOHOO YESYESYES HAHA~!!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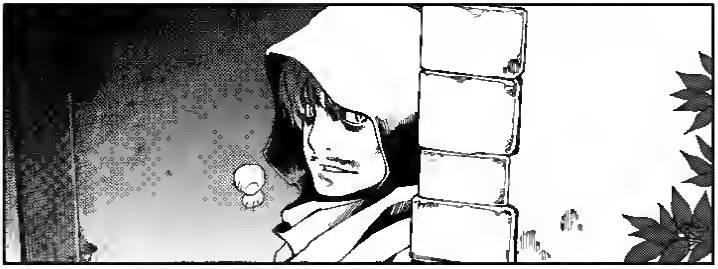

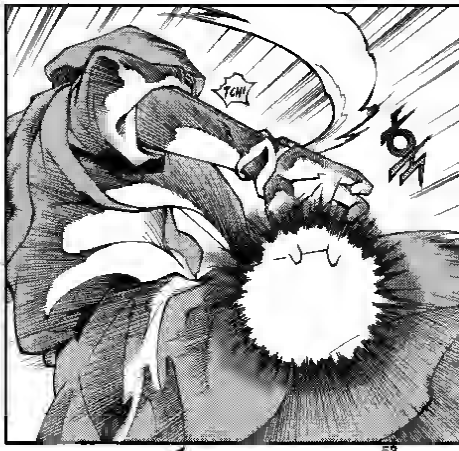
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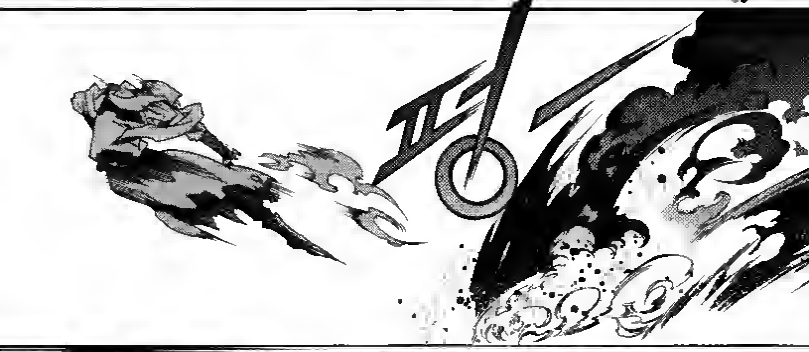

DAMN IT!

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UGH!
지벅
지벅
철억
HAND IT OVER.

SCREW YOU!
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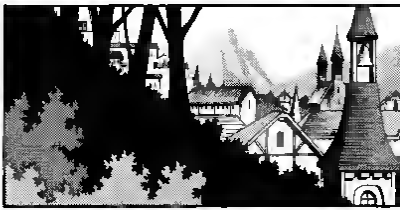
BLUE AIR DOESN'T BELONG TO THE LIKES OF YOU

TCH, THE RAT GOT AWAY...



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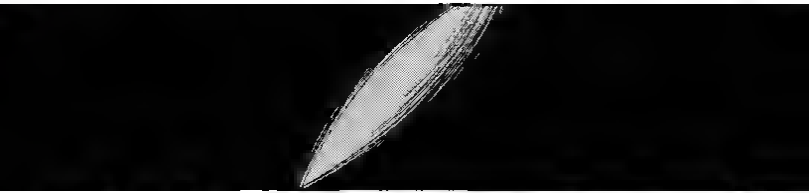


KUWAHHHH!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE AWAKE
WELL. IT SEEMS THAT IT WASN'T YOUR FATE TO DIE
ARE YOU FROM 'MEMENTO MORI', I WONDER
YOU... YOU ALL ARE...

T/N. MEMENTO MORI IS A LATIN PHRASE WHICH MEANS 'REMEMBER YOUR MORTALITY' WILL BE EXPLAINED SHORTLY

AHH.....

MY NAME IS MELROSE SILVRINGTINKER.
YOU'RE THE MAGE FROM THE RUMORS.

TO THINK THAT I'D MEET YOU SO QUICKLY IS...

WHY... WHY ARE YOU...
I WANTED TO MEET YOU

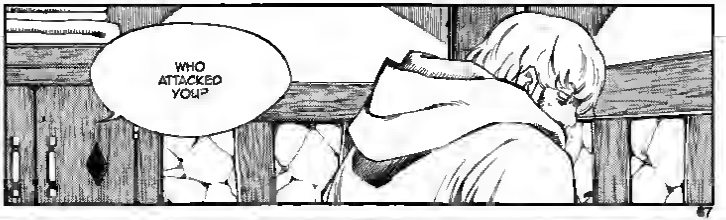
MY NAME IS MIKE NORTON. I AM A MEMBER OF 'MEMENTO MORI'
WE ARE A GROUP THAT IS ENTIRELY COMPOSED OF MAGES WHO HAVE BANDED UNDER THE PHRASE 'REMEMBER YOUR MORTALITY'.
FORMER MAGES, YOU MEAN
THAT IS CORRECT. IT'S TRUE THAT WE'VE BEEN CAST ASIDE AND IN CHAOS SINCE THAT DAY.

MY MASTER HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING YOU, SIR MELROSE
KWAHAHA~ THIS IS HILARIOUS. ARE YOU UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF GUYS YOU ARE?
MEMENTO MORI. ITS ORIGIN IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACK DOWN. AN UNDERGROUND GROUP OF MAGES WHO'VE GATHERED TOGETHER UNDER THE PRETEXT OF RESEARCH. THEIR INFLUENCE EXTENDS TO THE ROYAL FAMILY ITSELF, AND THEY SECRETLY WIELD THE POWER OF THAT CONNECTION.

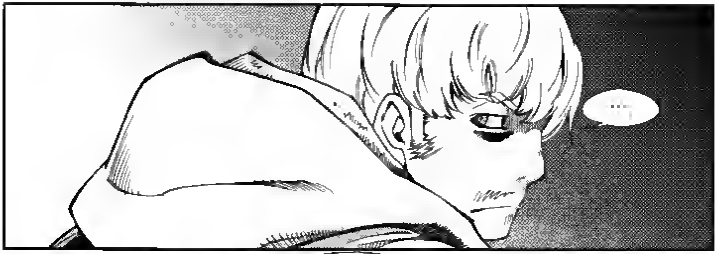
THEY KIDNAP VAGRANTS AND CRIMINALS AND PERFORM MANY EXPERIMENTS ON THEM. THEY ALSO AND CARRY OUT SKILLFUL ASSASSINATIONS IN A COVERT MANNER THAT IS SAID TO BE GOD-LIKE.
THEY'VE MADE MANY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL FACETS OF MAGIC.

SO, WHY? ARE YOU THINKING OF CLEANLY CARVING UP OUR MELROSE HERE AND EXTRACTING WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANT?
PART OF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, BUT OTHER PARTS HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED.
I WILL ONLY TELL YOU THE TRUTH
IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL, THEN WE WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH OUR INFORMATION GATHERING NETWORK
I GUARANTEE THAT THIS WILL HAVE A CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON SIR MELROSE'S STRENGTH

WE BOTH WANT TO OVERTHROW ZAPPA.
ISN'T OUR GOAL THE SAME?


WHO ATTACKED YOU?

WHO ARE THE ONES THAT ARE AFTER YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW?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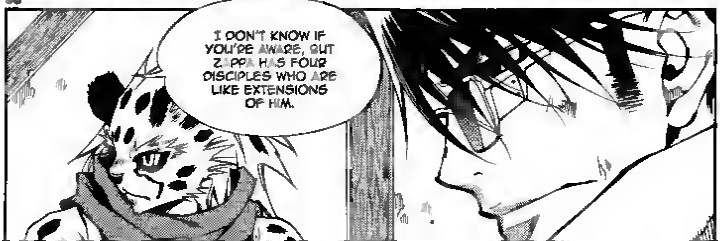
VERY WELL. LET'S CALL WHAT WE'VE DONE THUS FAR THE BEGINNING OF OUR BUILDING TRUST IN EACH OTHER.

THEY'RE ZAPPA'S DISCIPLES.


I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE, BUT ZAPPA HAS FOUR DISCIPLES WHO ARE LIKE EXTENSIONS OF HIM.

THEY EACH COMMAND A DIFFERENT ELEMENT BUT THEIR POWER IS TERRIFYING.
THE WIND'S 'PETE SILVER'.
THE FIRE'S 'ETHAN'.
THE EARTH'S 'HUMBERTO'.
THE WATER'S 'MARIBEL'.

THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WE'VE LOST TO THEM IS NOT JUST ONE OR TWO. ZAPPA'S TRUE INTENTIONS HAVE CLEARLY BEEN UNCOVERED
WE ARE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO ZAPPA'S PLAN

THE THING THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY TRYING TO FIND IS...
THIS
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WHAT IS THAT?
'BLUE GATE' IT'S IN AN ACTIVE STATE
BLUE AIR IS...

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH
SO I'VE TOLD YOU MORE THAN I ORIGINALLY INTENDED AND TO TELL YOU MORE WOULD BE DIFFICULT
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
YOU MUST BE THINKING THAT YOU'VE HIT A STROKE OF GOOD LUCK BY RUNNING INTO US
WE'RE ALSO OF THE SAME OPINION.

HOWEVER, YOUR SITUATION IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM OURS
TCH.
WAAAH!!
I FUNDAMENTALLY DON'T BELIEVE IN TRUSTING PEOPLE
IN ADDITION, YOU'RE A KNOWLEDGE-OBSESSED GROUP. NEGOTIATING WILL BE DIFFICULT

DO YOU KNOW? MY SPECIAL NUMBER IS THE 'JUDGE'S SONS'.

W-WAIT... LET'S NOT DO THIS. THERE'S PROBABLY SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BOTH BENEFIT FROM!
YOU GOTTA SAY IT PROPERLY. ALL THE BENEFITS ARE OURS.
DON'T BE SO TENSE. IF YOU JUST RELAX AND ENJOY THE PERFORMANCE, IT WILL BE OVER QUICK.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET MUCH EVEN IF YOU DO THIS. I'M THE UNDERLING AMONG UNDERLINGS!
I ACCEPT.

NO. YOU'RE SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF GUYS THEY ARE.
IT'S NOT THAT
IT'S AS MIKE SAID WE NEED BETTER INFORMATION.
MIKE SURELY HASN'T TOLD US ALL THAT HE KNOWS.
OUR PLANS COULD ALL GO UP IN FLAMES IN AN INSTANT.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT

HOWEVER, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BLUE GATE
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER
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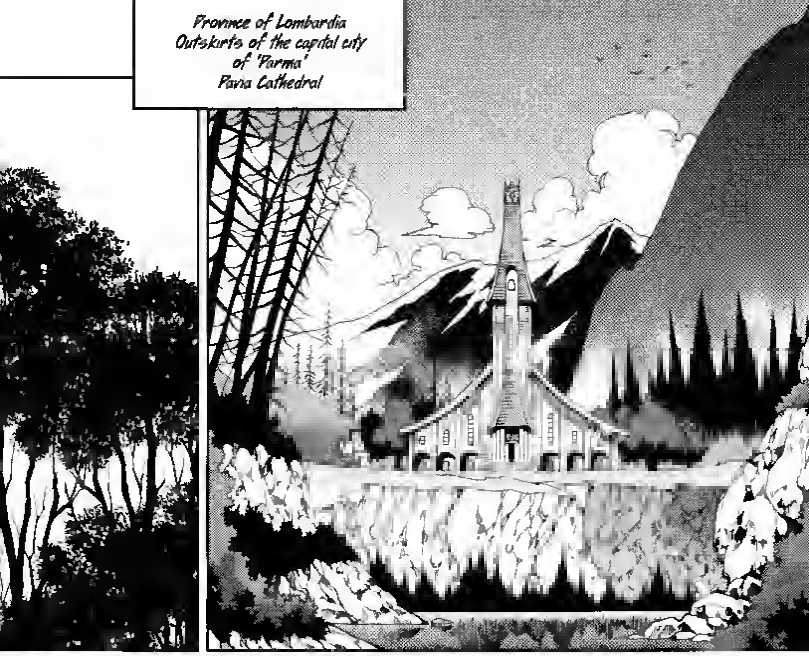
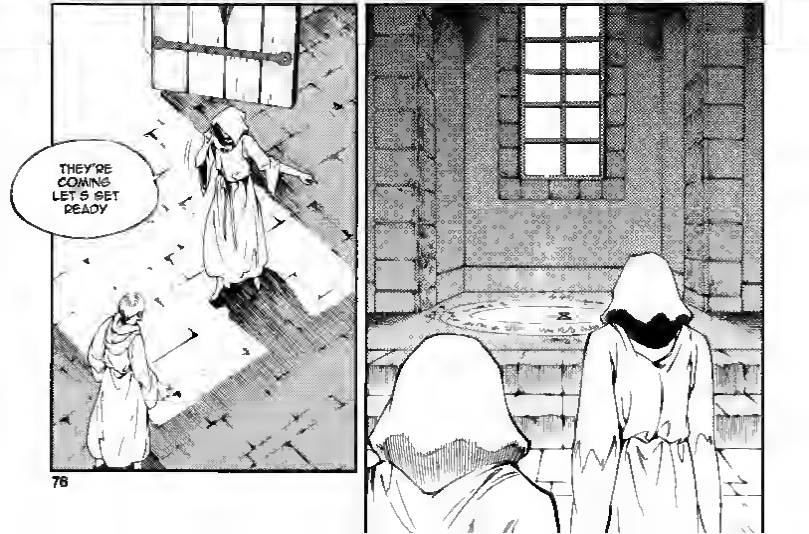
BEFORE THAT, I HAVE ONE CONDITION.


Province of Lombardia
Outskirts of the capital city
of 'Parma'
Pavia Cathedral


THEY'RE COMING LET'S GET READY

WHEW. LOOKS LIKE WE SUCCEEDED.

OHH~ IS THIS PERSON...
SIR MELROSE?
OKAY~ LET'S MOVE SLOWLY
YOU'VE MADE AN INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISH-MENT...
HAHAHA~

WATCH YOUR STEP IF YOU SLIP, YOU COULD END UP ROLLING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR
THIS HUMID, MOLDY-SMELLING PLACE IS THE PERFECT NEST FOR ALL OF YOU
OKAY THE STAIRS END HERE

YOU CAN REMOVE THE BLINDFOLDS NOW

THIS WAY
YOU GUYS SURE ARE HAVING A TOUGH TIME...